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# Auctioneers License Revocation

**RICHMOND** – The Virginia Auctioneers Board revoked one auctioneer's license at its meeting Thursday, April 17, 2008. Following is a summary of the Board's action.

Copies of the file orders are available online at [www.dpor.virginia.gov](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov) under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

### **MOUNT VERNON AUCTION CENTER, INC.**

#### **ALEXANDRIA, VA**

File Number 2008-00627

COMPLAINANT – Rachael Chewning

VIOLATIONS – Mount Vernon failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to disburse auction proceeds in a timely manner; failed to provide an accounting of items sold at auction; and failed to provide requested information to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2908000494 and \$5,050 in monetary penalties.

File Number 2008-01073

COMPLAINANT – Carl Pio Parlatore

VIOLATIONS – Mount Vernon failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to disburse auction proceeds; failed to provide an accounting of items sold at auction; and failed to provide requested information to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2908000494 and \$5,850 in monetary penalties.

File Number 2008-01616

COMPLAINANT – Francis and Ruth Loevi

VIOLATIONS – Mount Vernon failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to disburse auction proceeds in a timely manner; failed to provide evidence to account for items sold at auction; and failed to provide requested information to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2908000494 and \$5,050 in monetary penalties.

File Number 2008-00457

COMPLAINANT – Mansfield Elkind

VIOLATIONS – Mount Vernon failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to provide evidence to account for items sold at auction; failed to disburse auction proceeds; failed to care and account for property belonging to others; and failed to provide requested information to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2908000494 and \$5,450 in monetary penalties.

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#### **About DPOR and the Auctioneers Board:**

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating 31 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

The Auctioneers Board licenses 1,750 Virginia individuals and firms. The Board is composed of three licensed auctioneers and two citizen members. For more information, visit DPOR online at [www.dpor.virginia.gov](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov).